AN ORDINANCE

BY COUNCILMEMBER LEE MORRIS

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY CODE OF 00-0-0185 ORDINANCES CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE II, SECTION 10-209 TO ESTABLISH A NEW CLOSING TIME FOR THOSE ESTABLISHMENTS LICENSED TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES THAT ARE LOCATED WITHIN THE SPI-9 ZONING DISTRICT; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta has an interest in maintaining the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its police powers, the City of Atlanta is authorized to enact legislation to regulate certain types of businesses and industries which could potentially affect the public health, safety and welfare, including businesses which involve the manufacture, distribution, or sale of alcoholic beverages; and

WHEREAS, in the SPI-9 Zoning District, establishments licensed to sell alcoholic beverages are not required to provide parking for their patrons; and

WHEREAS, the lack of parking requirements for such establishments has led to a concentration of establishments licensed to sell alcoholic beverages in the SPI-9 Zoning District; and

WHEREAS, because of the lack of parking requirements in the SPI-9 Zoning District, there exists a limited number of parking spaces for patrons of all of the licensed establishments; and

WHEREAS, because owners and operators of licensed establishments are not required to provide parking for their patrons, there exists a failure by such establishments to adequately monitor and supervise the parking lots utilized by their patrons; and

WHEREAS, there exists a serious public safety concern associated with the concentration of these establishments and their failure to adequately monitor and supervise the parking lots utilized by their patrons, particularly after 2:00 a.m., in the SPI-9 Zoning District; and

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta's current regulations pertaining to the sale of alcoholic